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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 MICHAEL MITCHELL,  
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13                                      Petitioner,  
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15                                      v.  
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17 C. PFEIFFER,  
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19                                      Respondent.

Case No. 1:20-cv-00274-JDP (HC)

ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

20                      Petitioner Michael Mitchell, a state prisoner without counsel, seeks a writ of habeas  
21 corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. ECF No. 1. The petitioner is challenging a conviction from San  
22 Bernardino County, which is in the Eastern Division of the Central District of California. *Id.*  
23 Petitioner is currently incarcerated in Kern County, which is part of the Fresno Division of this  
24 court. Under 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d), venue is proper in the judicial district where the petitioner was  
25 convicted or the judicial district where petitioner is incarcerated. Therefore, both the Central  
26 District of California and the Eastern District of California have concurrent jurisdiction. *See*  
27 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). Pursuant to Local Rule 120(f), a civil action that has not been commenced  
28 in the appropriate court may, on the court's own motion, be transferred. Because petitioner is  
attacking the validity of his San Bernardino County conviction, we will transfer this case to the  
Central District of California for the ease and convenience of the parties and the court. *See id.*

1     **Order**

- 2             1. This action is transferred to the Eastern Division of the United States District Court for  
3             the Central District of California;
- 4             2. The court has not ruled on petitioner's motion for counsel, ECF No. 2, and motion to  
5             proceed in forma pauperis, ECF No. 3; and
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8                     United States District Court  
9                     Central District of California  
10                    Eastern Division  
11                    3470 Twelfth Street  
12                    Riverside, CA 92501-3801

11     **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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13     Dated: February 26, 2020

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15                     UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

16     No. 206.

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